



EAST PROVIDENCE PREVENTION COALITION

January 13, 2014 Agenda Minutes

Room 306, 6:00pm

Attendance:

Katie Saraiva	Catherine Legault
Courtney Lacerda	Chief Joseph Tavares *
Scott Rose	Andy Benoit *
Maggie Veiga	Laura Levine
Britney Dias	Elmer Pina
Pam Byrd *	Jennifer Wall *

*= guest/non-voting member

1. Introductory Remarks: Katie Saraiva

- a) Call Meeting to Order- by the Chair at 6:04pm
- b) Welcoming- Pam Byrd & Julie Silva from Trinity Tabernacle Church/the Red Bridge Neighborhood Association; Andy Benoit, EP Community Police Officer
- c) Introductions
- d) Announcements
 - **Birthdays**- Laura Levine's birthday was on December 12th. Happy birthday Laura.
 - **Get Well Card**- Passed around a card for board members to sign to wish Sgt. Andrews a speedy recovery.

2. Secretary's Report: Courtney Lacerda

- a) Sign In Sheet- passed around.
- b) Approval of December's Minutes- reviewed minutes. Due to a question on one of the agenda items, the minutes were tabled till the February meeting and a conversation with Brigitte Haywood took place.
- c) Townie Leadership Academy Article In EP Post- passed around an article from the EP Post.
- d) Conflict of Interest Policy/Interest Forms/ Coalition Evaluations- conflict of interest forms are needed from Kevin. Interest forms are needed from Kevin and Pam. EPCC Coalition Evaluations are needed from Brigitte and Kevin.

3. Treasurer's Report: *Scott Rose*

- a) Review of Expenses- budgets are being spent out as voted on.
- b) Fundraising Sub-Committee Report- briefly discussed last meeting. Proposed dates are April 12th with a rain date of April 19th. The police cadets are available. Waiting on Carousel Commission for confirmation of date. Catherine and Jen did a walk through of the grounds and there is enough room to hold the event on the Carousel grounds. Will meet again after February board meeting.

3. Programmatics: - *Jennifer Wall*

- a) Recap Bay View Assembly (*Britney & Jen*)- discussion about underage drinking assembly at Bay View Academy with the State Trooper, Officer Tammy David and Britney Dias. All watched "The Impact of Your Choice" video and then discussed it. Britney stated that the video really hit home with the students. Jen said that she wanted to thank Chris Gasbarro for coming through with another copy of the video with little notice so that the assembly could still run as proposed.
- b) E-Cigarette's Legislation & Thank You- Representative Melo has been working with Jen and Tobacco Free Rhode Island as promised on E-Cigarette's legislation that would restrict youth access. The bill has been created and filed. A request for action has been issued to thank Rep Melo for filing the E-Cigarette's bill. Can do so in whatever way board members feel comfortable, email, phone, in person or Facebook.
- c) Legislative Stakeholder Mapping on Health & Funding Issues- went through who everyone's legislators are based on where they live. Will follow up via email.
- d) Responsible Beverage Service Trainings- January class was cancelled due to lack of attendance. A new class was scheduled for February 11th and was well advertised.
- e) Governor's Council on Behavioral Health- Jen has been attending these meetings. A Prevention Advisory Committee is in the process of being created. It will meet quarterly. Its make-up will consist of prevention professionals from a broad range. Nominations for anyone who is interested are being taken.
- f) Socio Epidemiological Outcomes Work Group- stands for SEOW. This group brings together a few different state agencies with Brown University and University of RI. The main goal is to discuss evaluation measures and ways to collaborate. The RI Survey is currently being implemented with all Marijuana Block Grant recipients and will be implemented with all Partners For Success grant recipients. By 2015, this survey will be offered

to all communities and BHDDH will pick up the data analysis tab. This survey would ensure that proper questions on substance abuse prevention are being asked and measured across the state. Additionally the Community Profiles were released. It was emailed to all board members this afternoon. If you are interested, click on the link.

- g) Programmatic Update- reviewed the document in packets. Jen attended MADD press awareness event in December.
- h) City Liaison Report about Leadership Changes (Elmer Pina)- East Providence is now under the leadership of Paul Lamont who is the interim City Manager. The hiring process is currently on hold. Additionally the police academy just graduated one male and one female and the fire academy graduated 16 firefighters one of which was a female from the academy.

4. Other: - Katie Saraiva

- a) Set up meeting date to review Coalition Member Surveys- will set-up a meeting with the Executive Board to review coalition member surveys before the February meeting.
- b) Performance Evaluation Sub-Committee Next Steps- the evaluation will be sent out to community partners and board members prior to the February meeting by the Chair.
- c) New Business- Chief Tavares brought up a conversation about where everyone stands on the issue of legalizing marijuana. A candid discussion took place between all board members.

5. Closing Remarks: Katie Saraiva

- a) Next Meeting
 - February 10, 2014
- b) EPPC Fundraising Sub-Committee Meeting Immediately After- taking place immediately after the board meeting ends.
- c) Motion to Adjourn- Elmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm. Courtney seconded. All were in favor. No one was opposed. Motion passed.